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SENATOR KIEL: When you campaigned, did you campaign about property taxes?

SENATOR KREMER: Somewhat. But school aid...the formula was probably more than anything, and...

SENATOR KIEL: Okay. And if you talked to people who you were asking for...for whom...well, excuse me. You were asking for their vote, and they talked to you about property taxes, what did they tell you about property taxes?

SENATOR KREMER: Well, that a proportion of our...the funding of our state government is from property tax.

SENATOR KIEL: And is that accurate?

SENATOR KREMER: It sure isn't in agriculture land. I know that.

SENATOR KIEL: Okay. Let's see. Who else can I pick on? Who's awake here? Let's see. Senator Beutler.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Beutler...

SENATOR KIEL: Would you yield for a question?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: ...would you yield?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I can't imagine what this is going to be.

SENATOR KIEL: (Laugh) Are your constituents happy with their property taxes?

SENATOR BEUTLER: My constituents are rarely happy with any of their taxes.

SENATOR KIEL: Okay. And...and I will certainly say that Lancaster County has done a very good job of responding to the need to make sure that property taxes are equitable. But what would your constituents say if some board came to them and said, well, we don't think they're up-to-date, and we're going to increase them across the board ten percent? Senator Beutler?